

PARCELS POST LAW IS UP TO CONGRESS

Difficult Problem Must
Be Solved by Dem-
ocrats.

MANY HESITATE TO UNDERTAKE IT

With Presidential Campaign
Coming On, It Will Prove Hard
to Steer Clear Course—May
Please Farmers and Off-
set Effect of Rec-
iprocity.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, D. C., April 30.—Now
that the Democrats in the House
discussed at length the free list
and reciprocity bills, have passed the
reapportionment bill, settled the vexed
patronage question, and started beams
for several favorite sons, they are to
tackle at an early date another tough
proposition—one that is generally con-
sidered to be of the hardest kind—that
is whether they will pass a parcels
post law, either general or limited.
On the one hand, the sentiment for
the establishment of a parcels post
obviously is growing. On the other
hand, with the opposition to it bitter
and a presidential campaign ahead,
there is some hesitancy on the part
of the Democrats concerned over the
party fate in 1912 about taking
it up.

Up to This Congress.
It is plain, however, that the ques-
tion is up to this Congress, and that
it will have to pass on it. Speaker
Clark admitted this himself recently.
Mr. Clark has not committed himself
on the proposition, though he is con-
vinced the express companies, to use
his own term, are "fouling" the pub-
lic. He is in favor of the Post Office
Department living up to that require-
ment of the law as exercising a monop-
oly of the business of carrying pack-
ets.

That the House will pass a parcels
post measure if one is reported out of
committee in general session, the
recent parcels post convention in
Washington was the strongest gain-
ing of the kind ever held here. It
took steps to urge Congress to act
in favor of the system, and even went
further and put itself on record as
desiring that the government take over
the business of the express companies.
Congressman Moon, of Tennessee,
already has appointed the subcommit-
tee of his committee. Among them is
one on parcels post. It consists of
Representative Lloyd, of Missouri,
chairman, and Representatives Hays,
Bell, Gregg, Weeks, Gardner, of New
Jersey, and Lefane, Representative
Lloyd is chairman of the Democratic
Congressional Committee, and Messrs.
Gardner, Weeks and Lefane are the
Republican members. The sentiment
of the subcommittee is that the main
committee is about evenly divided,
and against the system. Mr. Lloyd, as
chairman of the subcommittee in
charge of the question, has a large
responsibility in the matter. If no
bill is brought out, he will be blamed
for it, and it will be said that he was
afraid to let the legislation pass
through, for fear of political conse-
quences. But the disposition of a good
many of the Democrats is to take the
view that parcels post legislation is
not to be feared by the farmers, and that
it should be provided that the state
politicians perceive that the cause
of Canadian reciprocity has hurt them
with the farmers, who can see nothing
to their benefit in it. Parcels post
legislation would be very popular with
the farmer, and might counteract any
detrimental effects on the farmer vote
from the reciprocity agreement.

This situation makes the parcels
post proposition a very important one
at this time, and one that will be well
worth watching.

Dr. Holmes Stands Afoot.
Denying that he had ever discussed
the contention of union men that the
wrecking of the Los Angeles Times
office by dynamite could not have re-
sulted in the combustion of inks and
oils, which followed, Dr. J. A. Holmes,
director of the United States Bureau
of Mines, and well known in the
south this morning, stated that he
did not propose to align himself with
either one side or the other in the
big legal controversy between labor
and capital, which has grown out of
the arrest of John and James B. Mc-
Namara.

When seen at his home, 1749 P
Street, Northwest, this morning, Dr.
Holmes said that because of his offi-
cial position he was not at liberty to
make an authorized statement. Tele-
graphic advices from Los Angeles
last night were to the effect that Mr.
Harriman had stated Dr. Holmes would
be subpoenaed by the representatives
of organized labor as one of their
most important witnesses.

"But have you received any infor-
mation that you are to be called to
Los Angeles?" Dr. Holmes was asked,
when he said that the department with
which he is connected would not take
kindly to his making a statement.
"No, I have not."

Concerning the statement credited
to Mr. Harriman, that the first part
of the defense would seek to prove
that the kind of dynamite alleged to
have been used, and had found that
it would not ignite k&s, Dr. Holmes
said that he did not even know what
factories had made it.

It is known that every effort will
be made to prevent the subpoenaing of
any one connected with the Bureau of
Mines. In the past the bureau has
been successful in frustrating all such
attempts.

It is pointed out that the men con-
nected with the bureau are granted
admission to the mines through the
mine operators, and not for the pur-
pose of collecting evidence, but for the
purpose of cases that may follow. Should
representatives of the Bureau of
Mines appear as witnesses in all cases
where their testimony is desired, it
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SOCIALISTS WILL AID McNAMARAS

Full Strength of Party
Pledged to Their
Defense.

FEDERATION RAISING FUND

Leaders of National and State
Labor Organizations in Secret
Conference Over Dynamiting
Case—General Strike Pro-
posed on Day Defendants
Are Put on Trial.

Now that Carou-
B. It has helped so n. 30.—The full
N. B. Write to J. W. McNamara, who
Chattanooga, and J. W. McNamara, who
are charged with murder in connection
with the explosion at the Los Angeles
Times building, by the national ex-
ecutive committee of the party now in
session here.

A telegram was sent to President
M. Ryan, of the Iron Workers' Union,
reading as follows:

"The national executive committee
of the Socialist party offers the entire
power of its 4,000 organizations and
its press, consisting of ten dailies,
over 100 weeklies and ten monthlies
in all languages, to be used in the
defense of the McNamaras, and any
other help within our power."

A communication was also ad-
dressed to the locals of the Socialist
party, condemning the arrest of the
men as "suggesting a deliberate plot,"
claiming the prosecution of the men
was "inspired by the National Manu-
facturers' Association" and that the
whole affair was "a dastardly con-
spiracy on the part of organized cap-
ital in this country to crush organized
labor by crime and violence."

The communication calls upon the
locals to raise money for the defense
of the accused and for carrying on
of an aggressive campaign for so-
cialism in California, and particularly
in Los Angeles.

Among the members of the national
executive committee in session here
is Congressman Victor L. Berger, of
Milwaukee.

Will Raise Defense Fund.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 30.—
Samuel Gompers, president of the
American Federation of Labor, ar-
rived to-day and immediately went
into secret conference with forty labor
leaders of national and State orga-
nizations. After the conference Mr.
Gompers said the McNamara case was
discussed and that the executive
council of the American Federation of
Labor would take charge of a defense
fund, which would be raised by con-
tributions from the various labor or-
ganizations of the country.

A meeting of the executive council
is to be called soon by Mr. Gompers,
who said the session probably would
be held here.

Later Mr. Gompers discussed the
case, saying:

"This whole thing is a deep-seated
frame-up. It is an outrage, and the
American Federation of Labor will
have nothing undone in defending the
men now imprisoned in Los Angeles.
No means will be spared in defending
our men legally."

"We purpose also to press the kid-
napping charge to the fullest extent.
McNamara was secretly taken from
this State without an opportunity of
a hearing. And I am sure that he
may not be brought back to Indiana
for trial. The American Federation of
Labor purposes to go to the bottom
of this thing and make the kidnapers
suffer the consequences."

"At the conference this afternoon it
was the consensus that the ex-
ecutive council of the American
Federation of Labor should take com-
plete charge of the cases, in the rais-
ing of funds, the employment of coun-
sel, in fact, everything in connection
with the trial."

Besides the local labor men pres-
ent, William J. Spencer, secretary of
the building trades department of the
federation, and Frank L. Mulholland,
of Toledo, attended. Mr. Mulholland
is an attorney for the national orga-
nization and probably will be one of
the lawyers chosen for the defense
of the three labor men now in jail in
Los Angeles, in connection with the
explosion in the Los Angeles Times
building.

Detective Burns, who brought about
the arrest of the three men, is still in
Indianapolis, seeking evidence against
the men. He said there were no de-
velopments to-day, and that he ex-
pected to start for Los Angeles to-
morrow.

Propose General Strike.
St. Louis, April 30.—Addressing a
meeting of laboring men in union
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Unsettled Weather Promised for Week

Washington, D. C., April 30.—A
cold wave, now over the Northwest,
will travel southward, reaching the
Mississippi Valley and the Western
upper Lake region Monday, the Ohio
Valley Tuesday, and New England
in the middle of the week, according
to the Weather Bureau's weekly fore-
cast tonight. This is expected to
force temperatures to the freezing
point by to-morrow morning over the
Central Rocky Mountain region and
the Northwest. The first half
of the week will be unsettled, and
the second half more normal in the
East. A snowstorm is possible over
the northern part of the upper Lake
region Monday or Tuesday. Generally
fair weather after Monday is
expected in the Plains States, while
in the South the weather sharp-
ens out more or less unsettled
weather, with occasional showers.

FAILS TO FOLLOW RAPID-FIRE PACE

Senate Taking Its Time
in Acting on House
Program.

RECIPROCITY MOVES SLOWLY

Only Issue Now Before Upper
Branch, and It May Not Come
Up for Discussion for Sev-
eral Weeks—Democrats
Are Rushing Business
Through.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Three
weeks of the extraordinary session of
the sixty-second Congress have passed
into history, with a record of rapid-
fire legislation by the House. The Sen-
ate is finally organized to transact busi-
ness, but in no haste to consider that
part of the Democratic program al-
ready disposed of by the lower branch.
Canadian reciprocity is the only mat-
ter now being considered by the Sen-
ate, and that probably will not come
before it for discussion for several
weeks. The Finance Committee, to
which it was referred, has determined
to grant hearings on the bill which
would carry the reciprocity agreement
into effect. How long committee delib-
eration will be prolonged is problemat-
ical, but the prospect is for a lengthy
discussion before the measure emerges
from committee.

To-morrow or Tuesday the Finance
Committee will meet to determine upon
a plan of procedure on the reciprocity
measure. It practically has been de-
cided that all interests desiring to be
heard will be welcomed. Chairman
Penrose, of the committee, is in favor
of the bill, and the majority of the
committee is opposed to it. The pre-
vailing opinion of the committee will be
reported to the Senate without any re-
commendation, as was the case last ses-
sion.

Senator Stone, of Missouri, will ad-
dress the Senate tomorrow on the re-
ciprocity bill and endeavor to explain
some of the misrepresentations that
have been made regarding the proposed
agreement. After his speech there
will be nothing before the Senate, and
adjournment until Thursday is prob-
able, with adjournment from Thursday
until Monday to follow. There is no
prospect of the Senate considering
the House bills providing for popular
election of Senators, publicity of cam-
paigns, and reapportionment until the
reciprocity issue has been decided.

The Democrats are keeping the rapid
legislative pace, and most, if not all,
of the coming week will be devoted to
discussion of the free list bill. The
House will adjourn on Friday, and
Chairman Underwood will be closed
Thursday or Friday. The bill will be
passed there is no doubt, the Demo-
cratic support being almost solid, re-
inforced by the votes of a few Pro-
gressive Republicans.

The Democratic leaders are anxious
to hasten the free list bill in order
that the Ways and Means Committee
may be free to devote its time to the
revision of the textile schedules. While
this work is progressing, it is probable
that the House will act upon the re-
port of the Territories Committee for
statehood of Arizona and New Mexico.

Work Along Two Lines.
The Congress will deal with two
leading lines of peace work, namely (1)
the awakening of the public conscience
to the evils of war, and (2) the
practical means of making war diffi-
cult by establishing institutions which
will take away the excuse for war.

While the coming congress will be an
unofficial body, suggestions will be
made which may be of international
importance. The tremendous possibi-
lities which lie in the pending treaty
of arbitration between the United
States and Great Britain will be dis-
cussed, and the proposed Court of Arbi-
tration, having the functions and
powers of a court of law, a plan for
which was drafted at the second Hague
Conference, will be heartily urged as a
practical method of the settlement of
a certain category of disputes between
nations without recourse of arms. This
much accomplished, it is felt by the
world peace advocates that the refer-
ence of all questions even those at-
taining national honor, to such a tri-
bunal as created by President Taft
in his speech before the American So-
ciety for the Judicial Settlement of In-
ternational Disputes last December,
will follow naturally.

NOT A CAMPAIGN

Wilson's Swing Around Circle in No
Sense Political.

Trenton, N. J., April 30.—Governor
Woodrow Wilson will leave Princeton
next Wednesday afternoon for a four-
week speaking tour of the Western
and Pacific Coast States. His itinerary
includes Kansas City, Denver, Los An-
geles, San Francisco, Berkeley, Portland,
Seattle, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Lincoln
and Chicago.

It is stated in the Governor's behalf
that the swing around the circle is not
a campaign in any sense. All through
the winter and spring he has been re-
ceiving invitations from organizations
of the West to visit and address them.
He has, it is said, declined invitations from
political or partisan bodies. It is
said he will discuss political issues on
the trip only in a broad, non-partisan
sense.

FLEET TO SAIL

Battleships Ready for Cruise to South-
ern Waters.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 30.—Active
preparations are being made at the
Philadelphia Navy Yard for the sailing
of the third division of the Atlantic
fleet. The battleship Minnesota was
towed to midstream this afternoon, and
it is expected it will sail to-morrow
morning for Pensacola, Mobile Bay
and Galveston. The Mississippi and
the Vermont will follow shortly after
the Minnesota, which is the flagship
of the division. The Idaho will follow
the other battleships on Thursday. All
have been repainted and re-equipped.

STEAMER TOTAL WRECK

Broken Up by Heavy Weather of Past
Few Days.

Key West, Fla., April 30.—The British
steamer Hanna M. Bell, which has
a total loss of Captain Thomas and his
crew have abandoned the vessel, as she
has broken up in the heavy weather
of the past few days. She was bound
from Norfolk to Vera Cruz with coal.
The wrecking tug Roosevelt, which left
New York to render assistance, has
been advised by wireless to return to
New York.

NOTICE.—We beg to notify the general
public that Pinkerton & Co.'s United States
Detective Agency, having a Commercial Re-
servation, is not connected in any way with
the original Pinkerton National Detective
Agency, nor with Pinkerton's Bank and
Bankers' Protection operator by U. S. Pink-
erton's National Detective Agency. By Wm. W.
Pinkerton, Chicago. Allan Pinkerton, N. Y.

Will Attend National Peace Conference



CONGRESS MEETS IN CAUSE OF PEACE

Great Meeting Will Lend Fresh
Impetus to International
Movement.

MANY EMINENT SPEAKERS

Distinguished Publicists, Writers,
Educators and Business Men
Will Discuss Problems.

Baltimore, Md., April 30.—The Third
National Peace Congress will assemble
here next Wednesday for four days' ses-
sion under circumstances of un-
usual interest with arbitration treaties
and the peace movement attracting the
attention of nations and the public on
both sides of the Atlantic and encour-
aging the advocates of peace in the
belief that a realization of their hopes
and his speech is looked forward to
is not far distant. The gathering here
is under the auspices of all the leading
societies of America devoted to the
settlement of international disputes by
means other than war. President Taft
will be present at the opening meeting,
and his speech is looked forward to
with interest in view of the national
steps which have been taken towards
arbitration.

Hamilton Holt, editor of the New
York Independent, is the president of
the congress, and Theodore Marburg,
president of the Maryland Peace So-
ciety, is chairman of the executive
committee. Distinguished publicists,
writers, educators and business men
will discuss the various problems re-
lating to the transition from war to
peace. Many of the States will send
representatives appointed by the Gov-
ernors.

CITY'S CONDITION GROWS DESPERATE

Rebels in Canton Carry on
Attacks With Fanatical
Bravery.

SOLDIERS ARE DOUBTED

Thirty Thousand Within Walls,
and Many May Prove
Disloyal.

Hong Kong, April 30.—All advices
reaching here from Canton indicate a
desperate condition of affairs in that
city. There are 30,000 soldiers within
the walls, and there is great fear that
many of these will prove disloyal if
it appears that the rebels are about
to gain the upper hand.

The rebels are strong in numbers,
and have carried on their work of de-
struction with fanatical bravery. They
made an attack upon the provincial
arsenal, but were repulsed by the
troops under loyal officers. Many of
the revolutionists were killed, while
some of them fled to an unoccupied
house and built a barricade with
hundreds of bars of iron. The troops
found great difficulty in assaulting the
barricade owing to bombs, which the
rebels threw with great accuracy.

Finally the store was set on fire,
while the troops remained at some
distance to pick off those who might
seek to escape the flames. The rebels
more of the rebels were burned to
death, while others committed suicide
with their revolvers rather than be
taken.

Plotting Betrayed.
There has been a gathering at Canton
lately of those opposed to the
Manchu dynasty. A few days ago sev-
eral hundred arrived from Hong Kong.
The plot to overthrow the government
was betrayed and the leaders of the
movement urged the viceroy's body-
guard to join forces and kill the Man-
chus. This the bodyguard refused to
do, with the result that when the at-
tack was made upon the official resi-
dence of the viceroy a few days ago
the revolutionists were routed.

There are certain bodies of troops
which may be depended upon not to
abandon the rulers to their fate, and
all attempts by the rebels to induce
them to join in the movement have
proved futile. But the rebels, work-
ing together in a well devised plan,
have succeeded in doing much dam-
age to property, in addition to killing
some of the officials. The family of
the viceroy is now living on a gun-
boat.

Wu Sun, a Chinese who was edu-
cated in Japan and wears European
clothes, is the leader of the movement.
Both he and his confederates came to
Canton from Singapore. While the
authorities have not been able to cap-
ture these men, a number of suspects
have been arrested and promptly de-
capitated. It is feared, however, that
some of these were entirely innocent.

The American gunboat Wilmington
is now at Shanghai, the foreign com-
mander, a point above the city, with
ward of the suburb and facing Macao
for the passage.

Failures Home from Africa.
Paris, April 30.—President Fallieres
arrived here to-day from a fortnight's
visit to the French protectorate and
regency of Tunis, Africa.

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DYNAMITE FAIL TO CHECK FLAME WHICH RUIN CITY

Bangor Is Laid in
Ashes by Sunday
Conflagration.

PROPERTY LOSS ABOUT \$6,000,000

Hundreds of People
While Entire Busi-
ness and Much of
Part Have Been Found in
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WRECK IS CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS

No Signal Out, and Excursion
Train Runs Into Death
Trap.

DEAD NOW NUMBER ELEVEN

Others Are So Badly Injured
That Lives Are De-
spaired Of.

Easton, Pa., April 30.—So far as it
is possible to ascertain here and at
the scene of the accident, eight per-
sons were burned to death, three fa-
tally injured, two others so seriously
injured that their lives are despaired
of and scores of persons were cut,
burned and bruised, some of them dan-
gerously, in the wreck of the teachers'
special from Utica, N. Y., to Washing-
ton, D. C., on the Belvidere-Delaware
Division, the Pennsylvania Railroad at
Martin's Creek, N. J., yesterday
afternoon.

The line was reopened for traffic to-
day. Bones of eight persons have been
taken from the debris and the wreck
crew has quit work. The missing,
given up as dead, are:

Misses Beale Walker, Sophia Knoll,
Louise Lindeman, Sarah Jones and Mrs.
Mary Allen, all teachers of Utica, and
Miss Susan Sessions, of Utica; Harry
Wilder, Trenton, N. J., baggage master
of the train; James Bicknell, Philadel-
phia tourist agent for the Pennsylv-
ania Railroad.

Miss Eleanor Rutherford, a teacher
in the Utica schools, died in the East-
on hospital last night, as did also
officials have been at the tracks
Walter Vanoy, of Trenton, N. J., en-
gineer of the ill-fated train, and
Charles Person, conductor of Strouds-
burg, Pa.

In Critical Condition.
Miss Augusta Lee, of Utica, is in a
critical condition in the hospital suf-
fering from general burns and shock,
and George W. Parsons, of Lambert-
ville, N. J., fireman, is so severely
burned that neither is expected to
survive.

This morning, Dr. J. J. Quinley, local
health officer, took X-ray pictures of
the injuries of Miss Frederica
Schwabe and Miss Mary Condon, both
Utica teachers, and found that each
had sustained a fractured arm. Both
the young women are all the other
New Yorkers, excepting Miss Lytle, are
resting comfortably, and the hospital
authorities see no cause for alarm in
their condition.

Local officials of the railroad com-
pany are uncommunicative as to the
cause of the accident. General Man-
ager F. L. Sheppard, of the Pennsylv-
ania Railroad, was at the wreck to-
day, but refused to make a statement.
He hurried back to Percy City. Other
officials have been at the scene.

It is the general belief that the rails
spread and caused the train to leave
the track, and plunge over the em-
bankment to destruction carrying its
load of humanity. Trackmen had been
at work at the point of the disaster,
and it is alleged that the tracks were
jacked up, that no signal was out and
that the engineer, believing he had a
clear track, rushed into what proved to
be a death trap at the rate of fifty
miles an hour.

One hundred and five excursionists
were registered at the Martin's Creek
Hotel last night. Many of them went
home on the special that was run down
by the Delaware, Lackawanna and
Western Railroad last night, and
others, including those who had been
taken to farm houses and hotels at
Belvidere, N. J., and Stroudsburg, Pa.,
left for Utica to-day. A number of
Uticans came down to Easton to look
after the dead and injured.

Miss Condon, of Utica, was among
those who remained at the Martin's
Creek Hotel last night. She assisted
in the rescue work.

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Cabell Advocates Kissing Among Men

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Suffolk, Va., April 30.—Colonel
George Carrington Cabell, City At-
torney of Norfolk, in an address at
the Academy of Music here this after-
noon, advocated kissing among men.
He said that the pecuniary greet-
ing between masculine acquaintances
carries more depth of friend-
ship than the firm handshake, and
declared that he would be glad to
see the custom prevail.

There were varying reports as to the
exact spot where the fire originated.
Several alarms were sounded almost
simultaneously. In addition to the
fire at the corner of Broad and Ex-
change Streets the Bremen found